

Appl. No. 10/766,386
Amdt. dated 14 July 2006
Reply to Office action of 02 May 2006

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office action, claims 1-23 stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-2, 4-5, 7, 9-16, 18, and 20-24 of co-pending application no. 10/766,611. A terminal disclaimer is enclosed with this response together with a Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b). In view of the filing of the terminal disclaimer, it is believed that the double patenting rejection has been overcome.

Applicant has made a diligent effort to place the instant application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a notice of allowance for claims 1-23 is respectfully requested. If the examiner is of the opinion that the instant application is in condition for disposition other than through allowance, the examiner is respectfully requested to contact applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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